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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Vehicle Research Corporation, 7 November 1967

On 7 November 1967 the undersigned visited [] President of Vehicle Research Corporation, to discuss general matters pertaining to the new contract for a drag reduction investigation soon to be awarded. The following progress has been made to date:

a. West Coast security has installed a sterile phone and has set up a post office box []

b. VRC is investigating the availability of subsonic wind tunnels. When the proposal was submitted, the Cal Tech wind tunnel was available. This has since been torn down and is no longer available. Other tunnels appear to charge higher dollars per tunnel hour than Cal Tech, but these additional operating costs will be offset by a reduction in fee resulting from discussions between VRC and [] CMD/OSA.

c. D/R&D/OSA has provided VRC with ranges of certain aerodynamic parameters such as lift coefficient, angle of attack, Mach number and Reynolds number, which would bracket the U-2R parameters but not be specifically related to the U-2R. The U-2R airfoil section was also provided, again only as a representative section. These data will be used in finalizing the wind tunnel test program.

d. [] has a number of administrative type of questions requiring answers and as soon as the security investigation is completed and the contract is to be signed, it is suggested that [] a representative from Security, and the undersigned visit VRC to answer questions, set up procedures, etc.

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e. The pacing item to getting the program underway is completion of the security investigation. Hopefully, this will be completed by the end of November.

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